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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The following extension of time is requested to extend the time period for responding to the Office Action mailed September 6, 2002 :

three months to March 6, 2003 ; the extension fee is:

[] \$465.00 (2253) [X] \$930.00 (1253).

[] The shortened statutory period has been reset by an Advisory Action dated _____.

[X] An extension fee in the amount of \$ 930.00 is enclosed.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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